

Rule 375-5-3-.10 Location of Commercial Driver Training School

- (1) A branch office of any commercial driver training school shall be licensed in the same manner and subject to the same qualifications as the principal office of the school.
 - (a) The fee for a license for a branch office shall be the same as required for any original application.
 - (b) Any location containing a classroom separate from the licensed facility shall be considered a separate branch office.
- (2) No commercial driver training school shall be located within 500 feet of any building or portion of a building that is used for the purpose of conducting examination for a driver license or for the issuance of a driver license.
- (3) No billboard or other such public advertisement of a driver training school may be displayed within 500 feet of any building or portion of any building that is used for the purpose of conducting driver examinations or the issuance of driver licenses.
- (4) Any school or classroom facility utilized for or approved for the purposes of a driver training school shall comply with the requirements set forth by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, before a permit is issued. The owner shall certify to the Department that the facility complies with the Act and its implementing regulations.
- (5)
 - (a) The Department may develop policies and procedures for the delivery of remote classroom instruction for certified Commercial Driver Training programs in the event of a public health state of emergency, natural disaster, or man-made disaster.
 - (b) A certified Commercial Driver Training program may utilize remote services for classroom instruction and the administration of assessments. Such instruction, training, and assessments may be done via web services, such as, but not limited to, Skype, Zoom, or Web Ex. Instruction must be synchronous instruction allowing for real-time instruction and interaction in a specific virtual place, through a specific online medium, at a specific time.
 - (c) Schools utilizing such methods must notify and obtain prior approval from the Department and keep rosters and required documents of students enrolled in these programs pursuant to existing rules and regulations of the Department. Such programs shall continue to be subject to all monitoring, training, and auditing pursuant to existing rules and regulations of the Department.

Authority: O.C.G.A. § 43-13-8.

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The purpose of this amendment is to update the language to permit DDS to allow remote learning for certified Commercial Driver Training programs in instances of general emergencies.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

This proposed amendment permits DDS to develop and authorize policies and procedures for the delivery of remote classroom instruction for certified Commercial Driver Training programs in the event of a public health state of emergency, natural disaster, or man-made disaster. Schools must notify and obtain prior approval from DDS to utilize approved methods and shall continue to be subject to all monitoring, training, and auditing pursuant to existing rules and regulations of the Department.